

Introduced by Senator Battin

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 8, as introduced, Battin. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2003, as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to support child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose a serious
2 threat to our nation's children; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1996, more than 3,000,000 children were
4 reported to child protective agencies in the United States as having
5 suffered abuse and neglect; and

6 WHEREAS, It is estimated that for every three dollars spent on
7 child abuse and neglect, at least six dollars are saved that might be
8 spent on child welfare services, special education services,
9 medical care, foster care, counseling, and the housing of juvenile
10 offenders; and

11 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem
12 and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people
13 throughout the community; and

14 WHEREAS, The first organized statewide Blue Ribbon
15 Campaign was originated in Norfolk, Virginia, by the

1 grandmother of Bubba Dickinson, a child who was murdered by
2 his mother's abusive boyfriend; and

3 WHEREAS, In recent years, the National Committee to Prevent
4 Child Abuse, the California chapter and other local affiliates,
5 United States military bases, and other groups have organized Blue
6 Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness of child abuse and
7 to promote ways to prevent child abuse; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse,
9 in all its forms, has proclaimed April as National Child Abuse
10 Prevention Month; and

11 WHEREAS, Blue ribbons are displayed to increase awareness
12 of child abuse and as a strategy for Child Abuse Prevention Month;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, This year's campaign is entitled "_____"; and

15 WHEREAS, The flexibility of this program offers numerous
16 opportunities to be innovative and to create partnerships within
17 business, professional, and community organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, The Senate and the Assembly encourage the
19 community to work together for youth-serving prevention
20 programs; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby acknowledge
23 the month of April 2003, as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and
24 encourage the people of the State of California to support child
25 abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools
26 during that month and throughout the year; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

